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STRIKE CALLED MONDAY AT BETHLEHEM

U. S. GETS IMPERATOR AND 7 BIG LINERS

REAL TEST IN STEEL STRIKE TO BE REACHED ON MONDAY; COMPANIES EXPECT BREAK

Union Leaders Rally Workers at Mass Meetings, and Express Confidence.

MORE MEN RETURNING.

Foster Says Walkout Was Called Too Soon, but Could Not Be Postponed.

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PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27.—The real showdown of strength on both sides in the steel strike is looked for on Monday.

At that time steel company officials declare they are confident of a real break in the ranks of the strikers and the return of an appreciable number of the workers who have gone out.

The steel men claim that despite the crippling of their plans in some localities they are even now keeping up the average of production.

The union leaders insist that production is badly shattered and that they will not only hold out the men now on strike but will steadily increase their numbers.

Organizers have been sent into every part of this district in increased numbers and mass meetings are scheduled in many localities for to-night and to-morrow.

Sheriff Haddock of Allegheny County has assured the strike leaders that such meetings will be protected where they are held indoors.

Reports to the Carnegie Steel Company today said its plants were still running men. All those in the Monongahela Valley declared there were more men at work than yesterday.

Of the fifteen mills of the Allegheny Steel Company, thirteen are in operation.

The Pennsylvania Iron and Steel Company reported every man at work.

MILLS CLOSED BEFORE STRIKE TO REOPEN.

Many mills closed before the strike was called are planning to resume operations Monday. They include the McKeesport Tin Plate Company, 8,000 men, and the Pittsburgh Steel Company at Monaca.

The Edgar Thomson and Carnegie plants of the Carnegie Company report ten out of eighteen furnaces operating with preparations being made to start the balance.

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Rialto Has 'Handbook' Men's Strike

Outside Workers of Racetrack Betting Commissioners Want Bigger Share.

The handbook men of the Rialto have gone on a strike. What are handbook men? They are the agents of the "Betting Commissioners," who will put down a bet on any of the horse races. The agents go out and get the customers and bring them to the Commissioners. They are known in racing parlance as the "outside men."

All of this, of course, is unknown to the police. But with three racetracks going, it's "fine pickings" for the commissioners. Broadway is divided into "zones," and the outside men have their picked zones. When an outside man gets into the wrong zone there is a fight and a fine in the police court, but the court is never informed of the cause of the fight.

The strike is for more wages, or rather a bigger percentage of the money brought to the commissioner. Also the settlement of the zone question. There is no question as to hours or days. The outside men are willing to work night and day.

"We ought to get more money," said one of the strikers this morning. "We bring in the money and 90 per cent. of it goes to the Commissioner. That's the per cent. of the losers that are picked. Where do we get off?"

"What do you know about the strike of the handbook men?" a big policeman on Broadway was asked.

"What d'ye mean handbook men?" demanded the cop and his indignant look was like a blast of hot air out of the blue.

COMPERS COMES HERE FOR LABOR CONFERENCE

Spends Four Hours With Secretary of Chicago Unions but Has Nothing to Say.

The chief activities in the steel strike have been transferred to this city. Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor is here and has been in conference with Edward Nokes, secretary of the Central Federated Labor Union of Chicago, of which John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Strike is president.

After a four-hour conference, Nokes drove to the Woolworth Building to confer with Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the strikers, who came on a hurried call to New York. The labor men refuse to say anything as to the conference, both Mr. Compers and Mr. Nokes saying that they doubted if any statement would be issued today.

Julius Gary's secretary, Mr. Leet, had a twenty-minute conference with the steel head over the telephone this afternoon. Mr. Leet said that there might be something to be given out later in the day.

Mauna Loa Bursts Into Eruption.

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 27.—Mauna Loa volcano on Hilo Island burst into eruption today at nearly the same spot as the eruption in 1916. Two rising columns of lava or incandescent gases are visible from the observatory.

BETHLEHEM STRIKE ORDERED MONDAY; 40,000 INVOLVED

Steel Workers' Committee Acts After Foster Announces Refusal of Conference.

CALLS MEN UNANIMOUS.

Shipbuilding Plants of Schwab Company Not Affected by Walkout Instructions.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27.—A strike of the union employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company was called today by the Steel Workers' National Committee.

The strike is to become effective at 6 o'clock next Monday morning.

The action was taken after Secretary Wm. Z. Foster had laid before the full committee his letter requesting, and President Grace's letter refusing, a conference with the union.

Foster declared that the Bethlehem employees were highly organized and that his reports indicated they had voted 100 per cent. in favor of the strike.

The decision to call the strike was reached after a three-hour conference of the committee.

The Bethlehem company employs 40,000 men.

The shipbuilding plants of the Bethlehem interests will not be affected, Foster said, as they are working under a union agreement.

The plants affected by the strike order are at Steelton, Reading, Lehigh, Titusville and South Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, and Sparrows Point, Maryland. The strike order was immediately telegraphed to the Bethlehem steel workers' representatives.

After calling the Bethlehem strike the committee adjourned to meet again late today, when the matter of a conference with the heads of the railroad brotherhoods will be taken up. Other important matters pertaining to the strike will also receive the committee's attention, Mr. Foster said.

DOUBT CAST ON LANDING OF AMERICAN MARINES

Serbian Account of Italian Evacuation of Trau Makes No Mention of U. S. Force.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A despatch sent out by the Serbian Press Bureau at Belgrade on Thursday refers to the evacuation of Trau by Italians, but does not mention American participation in the disorders there.

It says inhabitants of Trau captured an armored car, three machine guns, many rifles, hand grenades and a quantity of ammunition.

MANY VOTE TO RETURN TO WORK AT YOUNGSTOWN

Efforts Will Be Made to Reopen Big Carnegie Plant on Monday.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Sept. 27.—Following a canvass of employees as they received their pay today, officials of the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Co. here announced that an attempt will be made on Monday to reopen the mill. The announcement marks the first effort at resumption in the Mahoning Valley since the steel strike caused all its plants to close.

Employees of the Ohio works who held a meeting last night voted 82 to 23 to return to work, "when the proper time presents itself," according to a statement given out after the meeting. A committee was appointed, the statement said, to induce railroad men in the mill yards to join the movement to return.

Employees of the Brier Hill Steel Co. have also voted to go back.

EIGHT BIG GERMAN LINERS, INCLUDING GIANT IMPERATOR, ARE AWARDED TO THE U. S.

Former Enemy Ships to Be Turned Over to Shipping Board Soon.

NEW SERVICE PLANNED

Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, Graf Waldersee, and Zeppelin Among Vessels Won.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The eight former German liners allocated to the United States after the armistice, including the former Hamburg-American steamer Imperator, the second largest ship afloat, are to be turned over to the Shipping Board by the War Department as soon as necessary surveys can be made.

The British Ministry of Shipping here had expected that the Imperator would be turned over to its agents at nine A. M. today at Hoboken, and the vessel already had been promised to the Cunard Line for service between New York and England. Decision that the ship should be delivered to the Shipping Board was reached late last night at a conference between board officials and representatives of the War Department.

After their allocation to the United States, the ships were used as transports and Great Britain has contended that their allocation was only temporary and that when the troop movement had been completed they were to revert to the Allied shipping pool for permanent allocation. J. H. Rosseter, Director of Operations for the Shipping Board, said today, however, that the board held that the original assignment of the ships was permanent.

Besides the Imperator, the ships are the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, Cap Finster, Graf Waldersee, Prinz Frederick Wilhelm, Pretoria, Mobile and Zeppelin. All are huge passenger liners which had been laid up in German ports during the war.

After the armistice they were delivered to American naval officers in England. All of the vessels are now in port in this country, most of them at New York.

It was said that with the German liners seized in American waters when this country entered the war, they would be used in establishing new American freight, mail and passenger lines, presumably to Great Britain and Europe, as well as to South America.

FOCH NOTIFIES GERMANS TO GET OUT OF LITHUANIA

Forwards Note, Under Direction of Supreme Council, Threatening to Cut Off Food Supplies.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The Supreme Council decided today to send the German government through Marshal Foch a note demanding the evacuation of Lithuania by German troops under drastic penalties for non-compliance.

The note informs Germany that her provisioning will be immediately stopped and the financial arrangements she has requested be held up if Lithuania is not evacuated.

TAKE BELLANS BEFORE MEALS AND SEE HOW FINE GOOD DIGESTION MAKES YOU FEEL—MAY.

STRIKE TIES UP ALL BRITISH RAILWAYS; 650,000 MEN OUT

England to Use Her Military and Naval Forces to Aid Traffic.

WAR RATIONS ORDERED.

Soldiers to Be Used to Run Trains and Buses Carry Food for People.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Ministry of Transport shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon announced that the stoppage of traffic on the railways through the strike was virtually complete, except in Ireland, where the lines are not affected. The announcement said that no disturbances had been reported.

Elsewhere not a railroad train was running and the electric tramway and subway service was reduced to a minimum. More than 650,000 members of the National Union of Railwaymen walked out in a body.

"The precipitancy of this action gives the impression of a deliberate and matured intention on the part of some individuals to seek a quarrel at any cost," said Premier Lloyd George in a statement today on the strike.

"It has convinced me it is not a strike for wages or better conditions, continued the Premier. "The Government have reason to believe it has been engineered for some time by a small, but active, body of men who have wrought tirelessly and insidiously to exploit the labor organizations of this country for subversive ends."

READY TO USE MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES.

The Government means to use the military and naval forces to keep the main services in operation and to augment this with a thousand motor lorries to distribute foodstuffs in districts where they are most needed.

To add to the horrors of the railroad strike came the announcement today to-day of the impending strike of the miners and transport workers, who, with the railway men, make up the Triple Alliance with a membership of 3,095,000. Great Britain's most powerful labor organization.

The Food Ministry sprang a big surprise when it revealed the existence of secret food reserves in London, which, it was estimated, are sufficient to supply the city for six weeks. Stocks in other parts of the kingdom, it was declared, will enable Britain to subsist for at least eight weeks. Motor lorries, stationed at all parts of the country, early today began operating between the seaports and food depots in the inland cities.

HALF THE WORKERS OF LONDON STALLED.

Probably less than half the working population of the centre of London got to business today. The suburban buses were unable to accommodate a fraction of the people desiring passage. Tens of thousands of bicycles, including many ancient types, made their way through the crush of motor cars.

The banks and business houses generally were working with small numbers of employees.

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WILSON PHYSICIAN REPORTS A FAIRLY RESTFUL NIGHT; CROWDS WATCH FOR TRAIN

Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Grayson Are Constantly Within Call—President May Be Unable to Meet Royal Belgian Family When They Land in America.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT WILSON'S TRAIN, Richmond, Ind., Sept. 27.—President Wilson was able to sit up for a while early this afternoon. Dr. Grayson remained with him.

A crowd met the train at Richmond. This is the place where, three weeks ago, the President made his first rear platform speech of the tour.

Earlier in the day Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's physician, issued the following bulletin:

"The President's condition is about the same. He has had a fairly restful night. GRAYSON."

It was learned that the President had slept during much of the night and until late in the morning.

PRESIDENT RESTLESS DURING THE EARLY EVENING.

He had been more or less restless in the evening and Dr. Grayson, who as a precautionary measure spent the night in an adjoining room on the private car Mayflower, did not get to bed until a late hour.

That he was able to get some sleep was interpreted as a good omen, the evident concern of those nearest him being to get his mind entirely away from the subjects which have occupied his energies during recent months.

Besides Dr. Grayson Mrs. Wilson was in constant attendance upon the President during the night and again today. She also was able to get some rest, and seemed refreshed from the apparent strain of the last few days.

The train arrived at Indianapolis at 10:33 and left at 10:51 A. M.

Wilson's diet is under the direct supervision of Dr. Grayson and is being prepared by the negro chef who has been cook on the Mayflower during the entire journey. His diet is very light as his digestion is much impaired.

MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET BELGIAN KING IN NEW YORK.

Although Secretary Tumulty announced that all of the President's appointments in the near future had been cancelled, it became known that Mr. Wilson still believed he might be able to go to New York next Friday to welcome King Albert of Belgium. Other members of the party thought it likely that the plan would be abandoned and that the greeting would take place instead at Washington.

Whether the President will leave Washington for the rest Dr. Grayson has prescribed will not be determined immediately. He will at least remain at the White House for a few days, and it may be decided that the isolation desired can be secured there better than at some place away from the capital.

The President was described as in good spirits, and in a telegram to the members of his family he assured them there was "nothing to be alarmed at" in his illness.

The President fought to continue his mission, against the orders of his physician and of Mrs. Wilson. The extreme nervousness manifested in his condition, however, justified his action, however, justified his action.

Earthquake Shock in Martinique.

SAINT-PIERRE, Martinique, Friday, Sept. 26.—A strong earthquake shock was felt here at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. No damage was reported.

Red Cross Liner Forced to Anchor off City Island.

The Red Cross liner Rosalind, which went aground off Shippen Point, Stamford, Conn., Thursday morning and was floated last night, was proceeding toward New York today, seeking to save and economize as a means of combating the high cost of living and to agree to invest in Government Thrift Stamps.

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